

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL CASE NO. 3:07cr286**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**vs.**

**MARK STROUD WEDDING.**

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**ORDER**

**THIS MATTER** is before the Court *sua sponte* to continue the case.

On December 18, 2007, the Defendant was indicted in a three-count bill of indictment and charged with robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951; possession of a firearm during the commission of a robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c) and 924(c)(1)(A)(ii); and being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1). An arrest warrant was issued. The Defendant's first appearance was on January 29, 2008 at which time counsel was appointed. His case was placed on the February 11, 2008 calendar for trial.

"Unless the defendant consents in writing to the contrary, the trial shall not commence less than thirty days from the date on which the defendant first appears through counsel or expressly waives counsel and

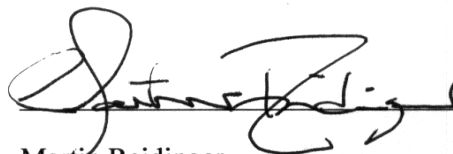
elects to proceed pro se." 18 U.S.C. §3161(c)(2). The Defendant here has not so consented and thus, his trial may not start less than thirty days from his appearance with counsel.

In addition, the Court finds that counsel would not have an adequate opportunity to prepare for trial, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. The Court therefore finds that a failure to grant the continuance "would unreasonably deny the defendant . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

For the reasons stated herein, the ends of justice served by the granting of the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. §3161(h)(8)(A).

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the above-captioned case is **CONTINUED** from the February 11, 2008 term in the Charlotte Division.

Signed: February 1, 2008

  
Martin Reidinger  
United States District Judge

